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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Bowen-Leaver, et al.

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Examiner: Yu, Gina C.

For: Ringing Nanogel Compositions

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111 AND 1.115****Amendments**

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the following claims.

1. (currently amended) An oil-in-water nanogel composition comprising an oil phase having a mean droplet size of less than about 100 nm, an emulsifier, a water phase, and a silicone oil component comprising at least one volatile silicone oil different than the oil phase, wherein said oil phase and said silicone component are self-structured having at least about 20 percent by weight of the composition and at least about 5 times the amount of the emulsifier and the nanogel has a difference in complex viscosity of at least about 10,000 poise under oscillation stress in the range of about 0 to 5,000 (dyne/cm<sup>2</sup>).
2. (previously amended) The composition of claim 1 further comprising the emulsifier present in an amount no greater than about 8 percent by weight of the composition.
3. (original) The composition of claim 2 wherein said oil phase is a hydrocarbon oil.
4. (canceled) The composition of claim 3 wherein said silicone component comprises at least one volatile silicone oil.
5. (original) The composition of claim 4 wherein the volatile silicone is a cyclomethicone.